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An important step in salvaging the IMSAN San Nicolas Project Minister of Public Health & Sport Dr. Richard Visser signs MOU with Baptist Health of South Florida



Minister Visser with Baptist Health South Florida Delegation

In June of 2010, Aruba's Minister of Public Health & Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, met with executives of the Baptist Health of South Florida hospital group to discuss a public/private partnership regarding Aruba's IMSAN health care facility in San Nicolas. Such an arrangement may offer not only a lifeline to the floundering IMSAN, but also provide vastly improved health care technology for the island as well as a way to diversify Aruba's economy.

On Wednesday, February 16, island dignitaries and health care management personnel attended presentations by Baptist Health of South Florida Executive Vice President and CFO, Ralph Lawson CPA, and Michael Stein, Corporate Vice President International Division. The presentations were followed by a press conference and the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mr. Stein and Baptist Health of South Florida Executive Vice President and CAO George Foyo, which allows the participating parties a year to investigate and analyze the situation and devise a pro-



Signing the MOU with George Foyo Chief Administrative Officer and Michael Stein Corp Vice President

gram they agree will be mutually beneficial.

Minister Dr. Visser expressed the belief that a relationship with Baptist Health of South Florida, which operates acute-care hospitals in the Miami area, as well as a children's hospital and numerous outpatient centers, could only be to Aruba's advantage. The IMSAN facility, which was built to provide emergency services and outpatient care for chronic diseases for San Nicolas, is not, in the opinion of the ministry, being usefully and fully deployed, and in their opinion,

needs the backing of a major health partner to realize its full potential.

Baptist Health of South Florida is not a stranger to Aruba's health ministry, as for a number of years Arubans requiring advanced heart surgery were sent to their cardiac facility in Miami. It is a not-for-profit, faith-based concern which now contains around 1,600 beds in multiple facilities throughout the South Florida area.

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Bahrain army clamps down after protests crushed



Bahraini anti-government protesters gather at Pearl Square in Manama for a demonstration calling for a regime change on February 16, 2011. (AFP PHOTO)

MANAMA, Bahrain (AFP) – Bahrain's army deployed across Manama and vowed "strict measures" to restore order after a police raid on anti-regime protesters killed three, wounded nearly 200 and enraged the opposition.

Protesters gathered outside a hospital where the wounded were being treated to chant anti-regime slogans, while the largest Shiite opposition bloc said it was quitting parliament and called on the government to resign.

Concerned that events in Bahrain could destabilise the entire region, Gulf foreign ministers met in Manama and expressed their "total support for Bahrain in the areas of politics, economy, security and defence."

In Washington, US President Barack Obama expressed opposition to the use of force, while Secretary of State Hilary Clinton said those who did use it should be held accountable.

Witnesses said riot police stormed through Pearl Square, the epicentre of pro-democracy protests that have shaken the Gulf island state, in the early hours of yesterday firing hollow-point bullets, rubber bullets and tear gas, sending hundreds of protesters fleeing.

Opposition members and witnesses said the police raid was launched without warning at around 3:00 a.m.

Security forces deployed across Manama, with armed police blocking roads leading to the square and setting up

checkpoints in other streets, causing heavy traffic congestion.

Interior ministry spokesman General Tarek al-Hassan said in an earlier statement that police had had no option but to raid the square.

Thousands of demonstrators, inspired by uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt, had been occupying the square since early this week, after police killed two young Shiite demonstrators during anti-government protests.

Bahrain's opposition demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa's government in the wake of the raid, a Shiite opposition bloc said.

"The opposition groups, including Al-Wefaq, have issued a statement demanding the government resign and calling for the formation of a new government to investigate this crime," said Al-Wefaq bloc's leader, Ali Salman.

Six die in Libya 'Day of Anger'

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AFP) – Six people were killed in the Libyan city of Benghazi yesterday, as Moamer Kadhafi's regime sought to overshadow an opposition "Day of Anger" with its own rally in the capital Tripoli.

Meanwhile, clashes broke out in the city of Zentan, southwest of the capital, in which a number of government buildings were torched.

Violent clashes in the Mediterranean coastal city of Benghazi have so far left six dead, the Al-Youm and Al-Manara sites reported on what was the third straight day of protests against the long-time Libyan leader.

Gunfire rang out in several parts of the city, Ramadan Briki, chief editor of the Quryna newspaper in Benghazi, told AFP.

Separately, lawyers demonstrated in front of a courthouse in Benghazi -- Libya's second city after Tripoli -- to demand a constitution for the country.

The websites, monitored in

Nicosia, said at least four people were killed in the city of Al-Baida, 200 kilometres (120 miles) east of Benghazi.

Sites monitored in Cyprus and a Libyan human rights group based abroad reported earlier that the anti-Kadhafi protests in Al-Baida had cost as many as 13 lives.

Geneva-based Human Rights Solidarity, citing witnesses, said rooftop snipers in Al-Baida -- a city of 210,000 inhabitants -- had killed 13 protesters and wounded dozens of others.

The interior ministry fired the head of security in Al-Jabal Al-Akhdar province in the aftermath of the violence, in which protesters had torched "several police cars and citizens," the paper said on its website.

Videos circulating on the Internet showed dozens of young Libyans apparently gathered in Al-Baida chanting, "The people want to bring down the regime," and a building which had been set on fire.

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Panamanian Minister visiting Aruba for potential partnership with Aruba

Yesterday, Aruba welcomed Vice Minister of Economic Affairs of Panama, Mr. Frank de Lima to our island. The Panamanian minister is here for two days of meetings with Aruban Minister of Economic Affairs, Mrs. Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer. These meetings, reportedly, are a continuation of deliberations held last March 2010 during an economic mission which took place in Panama with the minister along with the Aruba Chamber of Commerce.

During said meeting the Aruban Minister of Economic Affairs met with de Lima to explore the different ways they could create a working relationship that would be beneficial to both countries in view of the different recent developments in Panama.

Panama's great vision today is the finalization of the expansion of the Panama Canal in the year 2014. This expansion will open the doors for Panama to become the largest center of distribution in this entire hemisphere.

The 39 year Frank de Lima as a young politician has an impressive background as coordinator of the presidential campaign of President Ricardo Martinelle, which centered on economic, financial and political themes. He was also involved in the formulation of the Panamanian government's management plan. He is a Harvard University finance graduate (1994) and has done university studies in business management with specialization in finance and economics. He completed his studies in finance "cum laude" at the Uni-

versity of Boston.

Panama today is investing in the excess of 5 billion dollars in expansion projects with the view that this would transform the country into a "first world" nation, and sustain the economy for many decades to come and improve the quality of life for all Panamanians. They also hope to, at the same time, reduce poverty by 30%.

Aruba stands to benefit from any economic agreement with Panama, for example, with respect to the transport of cargo, tourism, and the collaboration of Tourism and Hospitality expertise.

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De Lima is scheduled to meet with Minister Winklaar-Hooyboer along with ATIA, the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations. He is also scheduled to meet with the government with respect to the various ways that there could potential cooperation between the two countries. Finally, they will attempt to meet with those companies already doing business with Panama.



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In addition to its inpatient services, the organization provides outpatient care, including ambulatory surgery, urgent care, diagnostic imaging, and home health service; they are the largest employer in Florida with 14,000, and have 2,000 physicians in all specialties on staff or associated.

CAO George Foyo also conceded the possibility that a state of the art facility for Aruba could also mean "Medical Tourism" because of the vastly lower costs of care on Aruba. The upgrading of technology of the IMSAN could mean Aruba will be the destination for advanced care for the region thus diversifying the island's economy. Presently,

the Baptist Health International Center of Miami treats more than 12,000 patients a year, primarily from Latin America and the Caribbean; if a majority of them are redirected to a destination requiring less travel time and expense, it could have quite some impact for the island as a source of income.

It was emphasized repeatedly that all these possibilities are being considered, but are in the purely exploratory stage, at present. A thorough analysis of the findings is required before Baptist Health of South Florida can commit to their involvement in the project.

by Rosalie Klein



Ralph Lawson Exec VP and CFO

Dates and rules for place reservation for Carnaval 2011 parades

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Police Force announces the community in general the dates and ways to reserve a space along the different Carnaval parade routes.

SAN NICOLAS:

For the Children Parade: Citizens can reserve space on Saturday, February 19, 2011

by placing chairs and benches.

For the Grand Parade: Citizens can place chairs and benches on Friday, March 4, 2011

ORANJESTAD:

For the Lighting Parade and Children Parade: Citizens can place chairs and benches on Friday, February 25, 2011;

they can remain along the route until after the Children's Parade on February 27.

For the Grand Parade: Citizens can place chairs and benches along the route on March 5, 2011.

Take good notice: It is only allowed to place chairs and benches and they have to be removed after the parade and the

spot must be cleaned.

It is not allowed to place blocks, ropes, wooden pallets, etc; they will be removed during control.

The Police Force will be controlling the routes during the whole Carnaval season to ensure that nobody breaks the rules.

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Seminar on relationship between marriage and family

By pastor David Hormachea



Tomorrow, February 19, there will be a seminar about the relationship between couples and among family members by Guest Speaker Pastor David Hormachea, a Chilean theologian residing in California, at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad. Pastor Hormachea has traveled around the world lecturing on his specialty and providing family counseling.

All are welcome, as the program is not aimed at any particular religious group. The material and his points will be of interest to those that are married, single, divorced, or widowed.

It is a full day event from morning to afternoon with a

lunch break. Please Note: He will frankly discuss certain topics some consider to be taboo.

Tickets are available at FOG - Friends of God Bookstore in Nieuwstraat and at Union Caribe in Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

For more information on Pastor Hormachea, call 594-2089 or get a preview of his talks on YouTube; just search "David Hormachea".

David Hormachea was born in Punta Arenas, Chile. He obtained his Masters in Art and Theology, a Ph.D. in Divinity and was trained to be a Family consultant from Biola University of California. David Hormachea is the pastor of Primera Iglesia Cristiana [First Christian Church], in Santa Ana, California. He is the president and speaker of the family help organization "De Regreso al Hogar" [Back to the Family]. He has produced radio and television programs, and has written books and produced 10 audio and video series relating to the family.

Dr. Hormachea is married with Nancy, and they have four sons and one granddaughter.

BACK THEN

FAQ by tourists "back then" were thought to be amusing to locals and those from other countries who worked here. Some are the same today which is even more surprising now that Aruba is so well known as a choice vacation destination.

The following small remembrances were collected over the years.

... Voted one of our favorites is "Do you have a moon?" This is often still asked. Indeed we do and it's beauty! "Where is it?" Turn around and face east where the sun always rises. It rises there, too, and climbs upward toward the west. However, those from the northern hemisphere say it doesn't look like theirs. Aha! Because we are so close to the equator ("What's the equator?"), the 1st quarter rises in a slice from bottom to top and not from side to side.



... "What country is closest to Aruba?" Venezuela. "But that's in South Africa!" No, South America. "Where is South America?" On your right as you drive from town to San Nicolas.

... The classic as reported by a cruise ship Captain enjoying a few hours of Aruba's beach: "Is there water all around the island?" He said that it took all the self-control he had learned and earned over the years not to laugh uproariously.

... One day, just after Manchebo Beach resort opened, a local went in to pick up the daily copy of the New York Times and was asked by the store manager to please help the tourist because she could not make her understand something. The lady has asked where she could mail her postcards and was told where the mail box was; a bright red metal box attached to a nearby wall. The manager noticed that there were U.S. stamps on the cards. When told she must use Aruba stamps, the lady kept asking "Why do I have to use Aruba stamps?" The local quietly explained that one must always use the stamps of whatever country one was visiting. "If you were in Paris, what stamp would you use?" "French, of course", was the reply. "But this is Aruba and you can use anything American here!" The local offered to mail them and after the lady left, casually tossed them in the waste paper basket.

... At an orientation meeting at Costa Linda some years ago, a female visitor stood up and said to the young man who was giving his spiel about an activity, "I am asking you to please do something about the wind." He smiled politely thinking it was a joke. "I am asking you again to do something about the wind. It's messing up my hair, my clothes are blowing around me. The sand is moving." The others at the table were trying not to laugh. And on and on she went. Finally, a man in the audience turned around and said, "Lady, stay in your room." Then the laughter broke out and applause, applause joined in. Verification available.

... Back then U.S. currency was not in use everywhere as it is today. Eventually, paper U.S. money was accepted but stores and supermarkets did not have coins. When given local coins as part of change for a purchase, visitors very often demanded "real money". It was and is; the old square coins (now replaced) were given as good luck pieces.



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Dr. Robert Dennert present his thesis to Prime Minister Eman



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Internist, Dr. Rudy Dennert and spouse paid a courtesy visit to Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman to present him with the doctoral thesis of their son Dr. Robert Dennert. Robert Dennert is studying cardiology at the Maastricht Universitair Medische Centrum.

During his study, dr. Robert Dennert worked on his promotion and on February 25 he will defend his thesis for his PhD in cardiology. Titled “Idiopathic Cardiomyopathy”, the thesis focuses on cardiac viral infections. Robert Dennert already has a few publications on his

name.

Prime Minister Eman – who is a very good friend of Dr. Rudy Dennert - expressed to be honored with the copy of the book. He congratulated the couple and asked them to send his congratulations to their son and wish him lots of success. Dr. Robert Dennert’s wife is an Aruban who is studying to become an internist.

When asked if the new doctor will soon return to Aruba, Dr. Dennert gave an affirmative answer, “as soon as he finishes his study.”

-Congratulations to Dr. Rudy Dennert and family.







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St. Maarten delegation visits Aruba and Prime Minister Eman



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman received a courtesy visit of the representatives of the High Council of St. Maarten. Among them were members of the Advisory Board, Audit, SER, Bureau Ombudsman, project leaders of the State High Councils State Structure, Department

of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relationships.

During the visit the dignitaries discussed various topics of interest. Among others, they interchanged information regarding the organization of the State High Councils, SER. Advisor Board and Audit. They also discussed these topics with



their Aruban colleagues.

Minister Eman spoke about the challenges faced by a small community and a better cooperation within the

Dutch Kingdom and the European Union.

At the end they all expressed their satisfaction with the ambiance and outcome of

the discussions.

Photos show Minister Eman warmly welcoming a delegation member in his office; and the whole delegation.

Sci-Tech

Mind-moved bionic arm goes on display in US



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A bionic prosthetic arm that is controlled by its operator's thoughts and even restores some skin sensation to the amputee goes on display Thursday at a major US science conference.

More than 50 amputees worldwide, many of them military veterans whose limbs were lost in combat, have received such devices since they were first developed by US doctor Todd Kuiken in 2002.

The arm uses technology called Targeted Muscle Reinnervation (TMR), which works by rerouting brain signals from nerves that were severed in the injury to muscles that are working and intact.

Glen Lehman, a retired US military sergeant who lost

his arm in Iraq, was scheduled to demonstrate the latest technology at the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"More than 20 years ago, I came to an understanding that current prostheses really fell short in their ability to enhance function and movement for amputees," said Kuiken in a statement released ahead of the presentation.

"There was a significant unmet need to improve the lives of amputees, and I wanted to develop a technology that would help," he said. "While much more progress is needed, we have taken significant steps to advance ability for amputees."

A series of other efforts to test and improve on these mind-reading robotics, known as brain-computer interfaces, were also to be showcased at the conference.

Among them, how researchers can now place computer chips on the surface of the brain to interpret neural activity, potentially allowing spinal cord injury patients to control a range of

devices from computer games to prosthetics.

But while the technology may seem stunning, it is anything but easy work for the patients.

According to Jose del R. Millan and his team at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne in Switzerland, in a "typical brain-computer interface (BCI) set-up," users send mental messages of either left, right, or no-command.

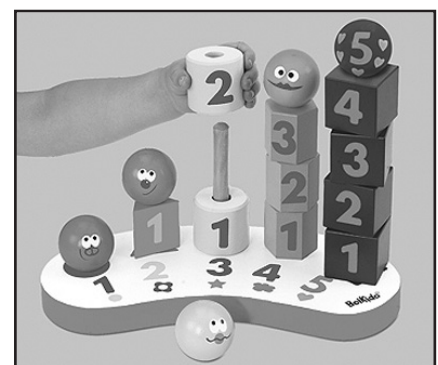
"But it turns out that no-command is very taxing to maintain and requires extreme concentration. After about an hour, most users are spent. Not much help if you need to maneuver that wheelchair through an airport," his team said in a statement.

So now researchers are figuring out how to hook up a machine to interpret a user's brain signals and read their intent.

Users are asked to read or speak aloud while thinking of as many left, right or no commands as possible. The technology learns to sift through the fray and figure out when a command has been delivered.

The result "makes multitasking a reality while at the same time allows users to catch a break."

Toddlers know when the tally is right: study



PARIS (AFP) - Parents keen on giving their child a jump on the competition can teach the rudiments of counting even before a toddler can talk, according to a study published Wednesday.

Previous research has shown that children begin to enumerate as early as age two, but do not generally master counting until around age four.

But a new study of 36 Australian infants suggests that early signs of familiarity with counting can be seen when a toddler is as young as 18 months.

Published in the British Royal Society's journal *Proceedings B*, the study also finds that time spent helping a child work her or his way from one to five and beyond boosts an infant's early recognition of counting principles.

To gauge familiarity with numbers, researchers showed infants a video of six fish being counted, out loud, in order.

A second video showed fish "incorrectly" counted, with a researcher pointing back-and-forth between only two of the images while tallying to six.

While 15-month olds showed no preference for either video, 18-month olds tended to watch the correct sequence longer.

More sustained attention can demonstrate an infant's greater interest in -- and familiarity with -- counting, the researchers said.

When the tally was done -- correctly and incorrectly -- in Japanese, the one-and-a-half year olds didn't favour one version over the other.

Counting adheres to three abstract principles that children must grasp: a one-to-one correspondence between count words and the objects being counted, the consistent ordering of count words, and an understanding that the final number in a count sequence representing the total number of items.

New mobile can check pulse, send ambulance

BARCELONA (AFP) - A new phone developed in Singapore takes your pulse when you press your fingers on a receptor, and sends the results to a 24-hour medical call centre.

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Japan touts pedal-powered water purifier



Japanese water purifier venture Nippon Basic displays a portable water purifying system, carried on a bicycle, "Cycloclean, and powered by pedaling a bicycle to make a maximum of 5 liter of clean water in a minute at an environment-friendly technology fair in Kawasaki, suburban Tokyo on February 17, 2011. (AFP)

KAWASAKI (AFP) - A Japanese company is gearing up for large-scale production in Bangladesh of a bicycle that can also be used to purify water at disaster zones or remote villages.

"If you can bike to a river, pond, pool or other sources of water, all you need is your leg power to produce clean drinking water," Yuichi Katsuura, president of Nippon Basic Co. said on Thursday as he introduced the system.

Cycloclean needs only

manpower to turn a bike chain driving a motor to pump water through a series of filters, unlike other systems requiring gasoline or electricity. It can purify five litres (1.3 gallons) of water in a minute.

The bike boasts puncture-free tyres, while the pump and hoses are housed in an attache case-like box on the rear carrier and three filter cartridges are fitted around the rear wheel.

Nippon Basic, based in Kawasaki near Tokyo, has sold 200 bikes since first launching Cycloclean in Japan in 2005 at 550,000 yen (6,600 dollars) each, Katsuura said.

Many of the bikes went to Japanese local governments but a small number were sold to Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Myanmar and the Philippines, he said.

Katsuura said the company had seen demand rise in Bangladesh and started local assembly late last year, partly to reduce the price in cooperation with a Bangladeshi bicycle maker.

"We hope local production will go into full swing around April," he said, adding his firm and local partners were aiming for annual production of 100-200 units.

Katsuura argued Bangladesh's millions of rickshaws would decrease as its economy grows but that a bike-water business could provide new jobs to some of the drivers.

"You go to where water is, put your bicycle on a stand, drop a pump and peddle for clean water, which can then be sold elsewhere," he said.

He added that the pump was capable of sucking up water at a depth of five metres despite its "low-tech appearance".


Cycloclean was on display at an environment-friendly technology fair in Kawasaki, near Tokyo, which ends Thursday.

dustry's annual conference in Barcelona.

"Anywhere in the world you can use it as a phone but you are also able to transfer an ECG and get a reply," Chow said.

"If you get a normal reply it will just be an SMS," he added.

"If it's severe, you get a call: 'Sir, an ambulance is on the way'."

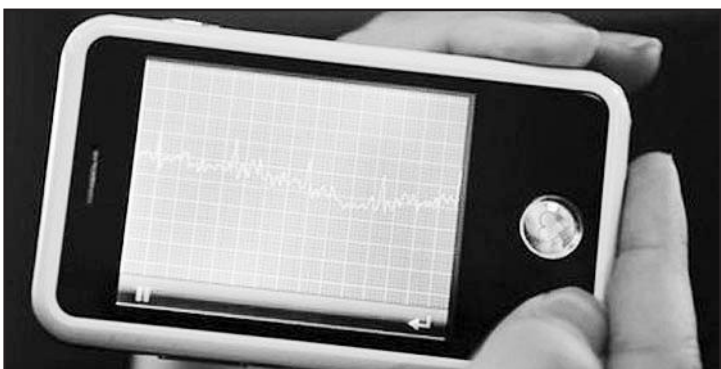


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A new product from Ephone International Ltd is displayed at the 3GSM World Congress in Barcelona, Spain

BARCELONA, Spain (AFP) — A new phone developed in Singapore takes your pulse when you press your fingers on a receptor, and sends the results to a 24-hour medical call centre.

The new EPI Life mobile phone comes complete with mini electrocardiogram.

"We think it's a revolution. It has clinical significance," EPI medical chief Dr. Chow U-Jin said at the mobile industry's annual conference in Barcelona.

"Anywhere in the world you can use it as a phone but you are also able to transfer an ECG and get a reply," Chow said.

"If you get a normal reply it will just be an SMS," he added.

"If it's severe, you get a call: 'Sir, an ambulance is on the way'."

EPI Life has three hospitals in Singapore, all of which carry the phone users' history.

EPI Life costs \$700 (516 euros), the price of a top range smartphone, and 2,000 of them have been on the market since

2010.

"The most obvious targets are people with heart disease," Chow said.

Many of the services rely on SMS or MMS messages that even older mobiles can receive.

Health Company, which covers Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, sends medical information about sexuality, obesity, children's health etc. to about 430,000 customers in Arab and English.

"You could also send a consultation through SMS," said company vice president Fahad S. Al-Orifi.

"This SMS will go to our website where our doctor answers you to your mobile."

Mobile health is developing in poorer countries where it can play a crucial role, said Kazi Islam, chief executive of Grameenphone in Bangladesh.

In his country there are 156 million people and fewer than 3,000 hospitals but 66 million people have access to a mobile phone.

Health & Living

Skin care: 5 tips for healthy skin

Good skin care — including sun protection and gentle cleansing — can keep your skin healthy and glowing for years to come.

Don't have time for intensive skin care? Pamper yourself with the basics. Good skin care and healthy lifestyle choices can help delay the natural aging process and prevent many skin problems. Get started with these five no-nonsense tips.

1. Protect yourself from the sun

The most important way to take care of your skin is to protect it from the sun. Sun exposure can also cause more-serious problems, such as skin cancer.

For the most complete sun protection:

- Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Use sunscreen when you're in the sun.

2. Don't smoke

Smoking makes your skin look older and contributes to wrinkles.

3. Treat your skin gently

Daily cleansing and shaving can take a toll on your skin, so keep it gentle:

■ Limit bath time. Hot water and long showers or baths remove oils from your skin.

■ Avoid strong soaps. Strong soaps can strip oil from your skin. Instead, choose mild cleansers.

■ Shave carefully. To protect and lubricate your skin, apply shaving cream, lotion or gel before shaving. For the closest shave, use a clean, sharp razor. Shave in the direction the hair grows, not against it.

■ Pat dry. After washing or bathing, gently pat or blot your skin dry with a towel so that some moisture remains on your skin.

■ Moisturize dry skin.

4. Eat a healthy diet

A healthy diet can help you



look and feel your best. Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins. The association between diet and acne isn't clear — but research suggests that a diet rich in vitamin C and low in fats and carbohydrates may promote younger looking skin.

5. Manage stress

Uncontrolled stress can make your skin more sensitive and trigger acne breakouts and other skin problems. To encourage healthy skin — and a healthy state of mind — takes steps to manage your stress.

Cell-based flu shot beats current vaccine:



PARIS, France (AFP) — Flu vaccines made from lab-grown cells work at least as well as those derived from viruses cultivated in chicken eggs, the preferred method for 50 years, according to a study released.

The findings, reported in The Lancet, could help speed approval for the new technique in the United States, which has recently said healthy adults should also be inoculated against seasonal influenza.

Cell-based flu vaccines have major advantages over the traditional manufacturing process, including unlimited supply, a shorter production time, and an alternative for persons allergic to eggs.

They may also be better suited for developing a shield against the potential pandemic threat of a deadly H5N1 bird flu mutation.

But their effectiveness had yet to be fully tested in a large-scale clinical trial, according to the authors.

Noel Barrett, a researcher at the Biomedical Research Centre in Austria, and colleagues divided more than 7,000 volunteers in the United States, 18 to 49 years old, into two groups.

Participants in the first

group were injected with a flu vaccine derived from lab-grown cells during the 2008-2009 influenza season, while the second group was given a placebo shot with no active ingredients.

The vaccine was nearly 80 percent effective in protecting against that year's flu strains, comparing favourably to a 73 percent rate for egg-based vaccines, as reported elsewhere.

There were no serious secondary effects, with only a few "mild and transient" problems registered.

Cell-based flu vaccines have been approved for use in Europe, and were made in limited quantities before and during the 14-month World Health Organisation (WHO) H1N1

"swine flu" pandemic alert in 2009/2010.

The virus turned out to be less lethal than feared, and large stocks of hastily manufactured vaccine went unused.

But had the flu been more deadly -- especially early in the flu season -- it is unlikely that pharmaceutical companies could have kept up with demand using the egg-based method of fabrication, experts say.

In August 2010, the WHO said swine flu -- which has to date claimed more than 18,400 lives worldwide -- had "largely run its course", declaring an end to the pandemic.

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Argentines love-bird married on Eagle Beach

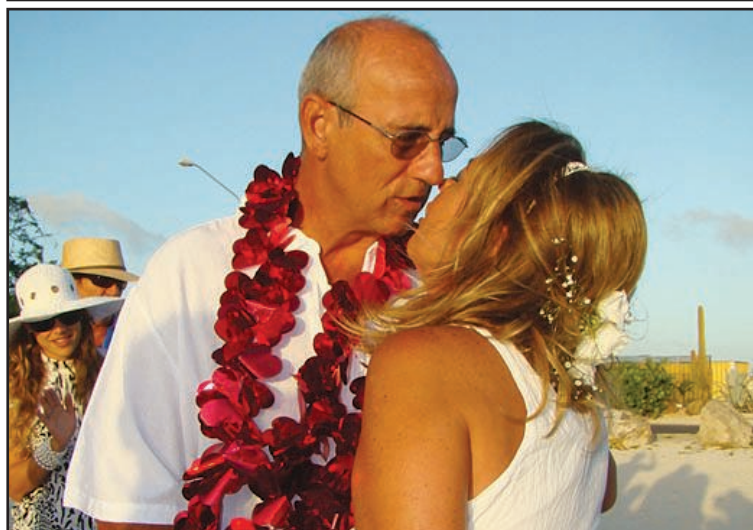
Last Saturday, surrounded by loving friends and family, Andres Rondineau and Susana Parcero from Buenos Aires, Argentina, confirmed their love to each other with the exchange of wedding vows at sunset. The couple's union was sealed by Rev. Pai Sai Lato de la Iglesia Maradoniana, who declared them husband and wife by the powers invested in him by Friendship and Love.

The witnesses were Carina Molina and Tomas Rondineau. The ceremony was filled with emotional moments, tears of joy and laughter. A message from Andres' daughter, Maria, had a special place during the event.

The groom is a former resident of Aruba, and the very first day he met his bride he promised her the most romantic wedding ever.

The Argentinian community plotted to make it unforgettable and prepared balloons, flowers and transportation in style, choosing a very special spot on Eagle Beach which could be viewed by Web Cam, by friends and family members in Argentina.

After the ceremony there was a mega-lively party at Fernando and Carina Latoraca's residence which lasted to the wee hours of Sunday morning.



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42. French river
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45. Young hare
48. Intimidates
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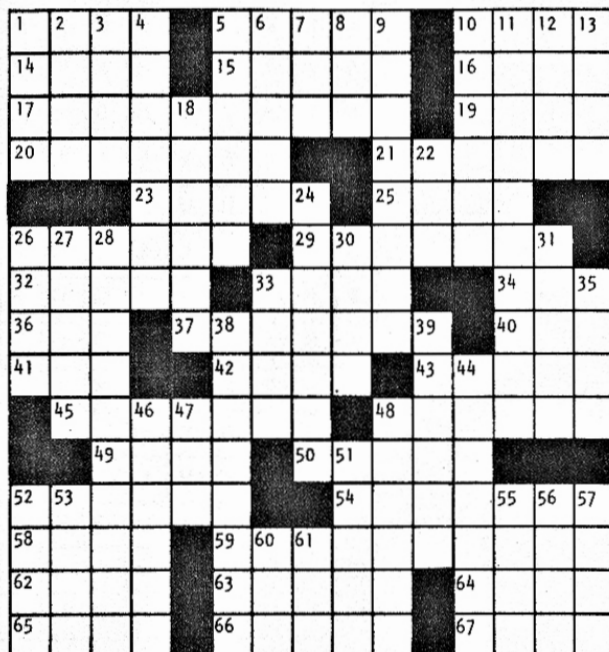
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12. Appellation of Athena
13. Drip
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26. Make changes
27. Satellite of Uranus
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Police raid company of Russia's richest woman



MOSCOW (AFP) – Crack police forces raided the office of Russia's richest woman in a probe linked to the \$435 million she received from a bank founded by the deposed mayor of Moscow -- who is also her husband.

Yelena Baturina called the sweep a political provocation that had nothing to do with the money her Inteko construction company received in a complicated scheme from the Bank of Moscow.

Gun-toting, masked policemen later also searched the offices of the Bank of Moscow and apartments of several of its executives.

"The searches are being conducted as part of a criminal investigation into the embezzlement of 13 billion rubles from the Bank of Moscow," an interior ministry spokeswoman said.

"The money received through this loan was transferred to the personal account of Baturina," interior ministry investigator Irina Dudukina said in televised remarks.

The probe into the disputed

2009 loan was launched only weeks after the dramatic departure of Yury Luzhkov from his mayoral seat over the same allegations.

The Kremlin accused the mayor of corruption and investigators launched an inquiry into a 12.76 billion ruble (435 million dollar, 320 million euro) loan the bank issued to a little known firm that was allegedly nothing more than a shell company.

Various media reported that the small firm then went on to purchase a plot of land at what investigators believe was an inflated price from Baturina's debt-ridden Inteko company.

Inteko allegedly used the proceeds to pay off a large chunk of its maturing debts and stay solvent.

The Vedomosti business daily said the company that acted as the intermediary in the transaction was partially owned by Bank of Moscow executives and had been set up only three months prior to the disputed land deal.

The Financial Times reported that the transaction took place on the same day as the Moscow city parliament approved a 15-billion-ruble transfer to the Bank of Moscow.

It said Russia's interior ministry was checking whether the funds were illegally transferred to Baturina to help her settle her debts.

Luzhkov has recently sought to establish residency in Latvia and Baturina is known to spend some of her time in Austria.

But investigators stressed that they may have to call Russia's richest woman in for questioning -- something that seemed unimaginable while Luzhkov was still mayor.

Baturina's \$1.1 billion fortune is widely believed to have come from the real estate contracts that Inteko was awarded by the city without tenders and at inflated prices.

series of national television specials aired these allegations in the weeks preceding Luzhkov's ouster as the once-powerful mayor bitterly fought off the Kremlin's efforts to re-establish its control over Russia's richest city.

US price increases hit consumers



WASHINGTON (AFP) – US energy and grocery prices are on the rise, hitting already struggling consumers and posing a tricky dilemma for US policy makers.

Confirming what most US shoppers already suspected, the Labor Department reported prices for everything from vegetables to unleaded fuel rose again in January.

The Labor Department's consumer price index rose 0.4 percent for the month, a rate that was slightly higher than economists expected and which confirmed large price increases for commonly bought goods in the

last year.

The figures showed gasoline prices have leaped over 13 percent in the last 12 months, while grocery prices rose slowly but surely by just over two percent.

While poor weather, political instability and rising demand from booming countries like China frequently push up the cost of producing everyday goods, until now the US consumer has largely been spared.

Energy commodities and food increases accounted for over two thirds of January's price increase. During the month food prices increased at the fastest rate since 2008.

Oil prices diverge after breaching \$104 again



LONDON, England (AFP) – World oil prices diverged on Thursday, after earlier breaching \$104 per barrel in London, as traders eyed simmering geopolitical tensions in the crude-rich Middle East.

Brent North Sea oil for delivery in April dipped 21 cents to \$103.57, after earlier touching \$104.30 in Asian trade.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for March, added ten cents to \$85.09.

"It is all about the risk and tensions in the Middle East that currently dominate the oil markets," said Sucden analyst Myrto Sokou.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said two Iranian warships were sailing north in the Red Sea headed for the Suez Canal for the first time since Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution, branding this a "provocation."

However, Egypt's Suez Canal Authority said it has received no request to allow Iranian warships passage to the Mediterranean.

"We did not receive any request for the passage of Iranian warships," Ahmed al-Manakhly, head of the canal's operations room, told AFP, adding he had no idea whether

any such ships were nearing the canal. "Any warship needs approval from the defence ministry and the foreign ministry. We have seen no such approval. Before they pass, I need to have such an approval in my hand," he said.

The developments came as violence erupted in Bahrain, while there were also demonstrations in Libya and Iran.

Bahrain's opposition demands the resignation of Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa's government following a deadly raid on anti-regime protesters, a Shiite opposition bloc said.

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

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a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with

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Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoast-aruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



In honor of Valentine's Day

Starbucks Baristas share the love with Aruba's senior citizens



In anticipation of Valentine's Day, the community-minded Starbucks Baristas paid a visit to an elderly home run by SABA, the local foundation for the elderly. They came loaded with treats, bringing sugar-free Starbucks coffee, tea and yummy pastries for the residents of the elderly home to enjoy.

During their visit, the Baristas gave the elderly the

royal treatment, telling stories, singing, dancing and chatting, even engaging in some rousing games of Dominos.

As you can see from the smiles all around, a good time was had by everyone, as the Starbucks Baristas and Aruba's Grandparents celebrated Valentine's Day in communion.

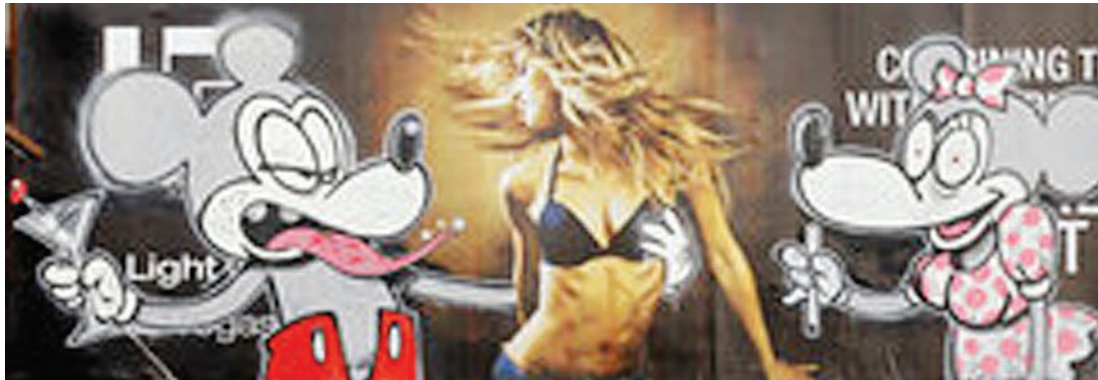


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Banksy graffiti ripped down, ahead of Oscars



LOS ANGELES (AFP) — A graffiti-enhanced poster attributed to secretive British artist Banksy has been ripped down in Hollywood, amid sightings of other pieces in a reported pre-Oscars publicity stunt.

Banksy is nominated for best documentary for "Exit Through the Gift Shop" at the Oscars, due to be announced on February 27 at the climax of Tinseltown's annual awards season.

The elusive artist, whose identity is not publicly known, is suspected of being behind a number of Banksy-style graffiti pieces that have cropped up over the past few days.

One piece was on an advertising board overlooking Sunset Strip, opposite the headquarters of the Directors Guild of America, depicting an inebriated Mickey Mouse with his hand

indelicate placed on a model's body.

But the TMZ celebrity website posted a video of the poster -- which if a genuine Banksy could be worth a lot of money -- being taken down Wednesday -- followed by an altercation involving those who removed it and another man.

At the same time, other examples of the provocative British artist's work have been spotted around town, including a Charlie Brown figure starting a fire on the side of a burned-out building on Sunset Boulevard.

Another, depicting a child wielding a machine gun, in black and white surrounded by colored flowers, was spotted behind a clothes shop in Westwood, further west beyond Beverly Hills.

In Beverly Hills itself an-

other showed a dog urinating on a wall, according to online Hollywood news site thewrap.com.

Representatives of the artist could not be immediately reached for comment on the reports, which came 10 days before the Oscars ceremony when the movie world will descend on Hollywood for the 53rd Academy Awards show.

Banksy, whose work has surfaced in the West Bank and post-Katrina New Orleans and now sells for tens of thousands of dollars at auction, calls the picture "a film about a man who tried to make a film about me."

"Exit Through the Gift Shop" -- dubbed "the world's first street art disaster movie" -- focuses on French videographer Thierry Guetta and his insider look at underground artists at work.

Philippine priest warns on card games at funerals



MANILA, Philippine (AFP) — A Philippine priest has threatened to deny burial rights in cases where mourners at funerals are caught gambling, a tradition exploited by gaming syndicates who mount "fake" wakes.

Father Valentine Dimoc of the Saint Mary Magdalene Parish said authorities in the northern town of Lagawe had already passed an ordinance banning gambling at funeral wakes, but local officials and police were failing to enforce it.

Gambling on cards at funerals is a tradition in the mainly Catholic Philippines, used to help family members pay for the cost of the burial.

However with few opportunities for legitimate gambling due to strict limits on gaming, syndicates have been known to use phoney wakes -- complete with a rented corpse -- to hold gaming sessions.

Father Dimoc said of the

authorities in Lagawe: "The local government unit's ordinance against gambling is what should be implemented for the common good, but sometimes the power is not used by political leaders and law enforcers."

Under his own pastoral edict, funeral masses will be withheld for dead parishioners whose relatives allow gambling during the wake.

The new rule "is pastoral in nature, in response to a social and moral issue in a particular place," the priest said in comments carried by the bishops' conference website, www.cbponline.net.

Under Philippine law, public gambling apart from activities operated by the state such as casinos is banned, except at funeral wakes where people may place bets on card games. Part of the bets are set aside for the bereaved family to cover their costs.

China magic fish trick sparks outrage



BEIJING, China (AFP) — A Chinese magician has sparked outrage from animal rights groups with a trick in which he gets goldfish to swim in sync, prompting China's state broadcaster to cancel an encore performance.

However, a separate regional broadcaster said magician Fu Yandong would perform the controversial trick again -- and reveal its secret so as to silence his critics.

Fu dazzled audiences two weeks ago with the trick and had planned a repeat perform-

ance on a Lunar New Year holiday show on China Central Television (CCTV).

A CCTV spokeswoman told AFP he would not perform on the show, declining to give further details.

Animal rights activists cried foul over the stunt, saying Fu had likely fed the fish magnets -- or implanted them in the fish -- so they could be dragged around their tank from underneath.

The CCTV gala marks the end of the Lantern Festival, which signifies the conclusion

of China's roughly two-week Lunar New Year holiday, the nation's biggest and most important festival.

Fu had been billed as one of the highlights of the Lantern Festival show.

Hundreds of millions of viewers watched Fu perform the trick two weeks earlier on CCTV's Spring Festival Gala, China's most watched programme of the year.

The trick -- which can be seen online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0cAMay-WL4> -- involves six fish in a shallow tank on a covered table, who swim in formation at Fu's command.

"My fish," he wrote on his microblog, are "living happily".

But his assurances have failed to quell the controversy.

The groups expressed fears the trick could lead to animals being tortured if viewers tried to copy it.



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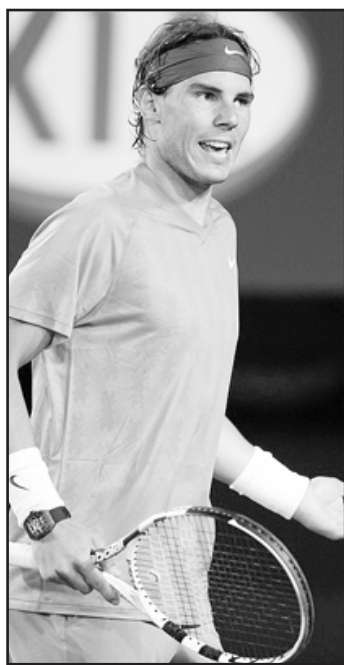
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Nadal spearheads Spanish Davis Cup opener



MADRID (AFP) - World number one Rafael Nadal will spearhead Spain's bid to

recapture the Davis Cup title starting in their World Group first round tie in Belgium next month, the Spanish Tennis Federation (RFET) announced on Thursday.

Nadal will be joined by David Ferrer, Fernando Verdasco and Feliciano Lopez in the team unveiled by captain Albert Costa in the south-eastern town of Alicante.

Costa's four-time champions will be hoping to recapture the title they won in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2009.

The tie in Charleroi from March 4-6 will be the fourth time that the two countries have met with Spain leading their head-to-head series 2-1.

Belgium's best performance was back in 1904, when they finished runners-up. They were semi-finalists in 1999.

FIFA suspend Israel coach Fernandez

PARIS (AFP) - Israel national coach Luis Fernandez was suspended from all football activity with immediate effect by world governing body FIFA on Thursday, a FIFA source told AFP.

The 51-year-old Spanish-born former French international had been suspended FIFA said because of an outstanding judgement made against him in 2009 relating to a Qatari team he had coached.

The Israeli Football Association (IFA) had said earlier on Thursday they had received an "official request" from FIFA to fire Fernandez.

The request said Fernandez "must cease all football related activities immediately due to a failure to pay a debt to a team he coached in the past in Qatar," the Israeli body said in a statement.

The IFA said in a statement they were due to meet Fernandez to discuss the

issue.

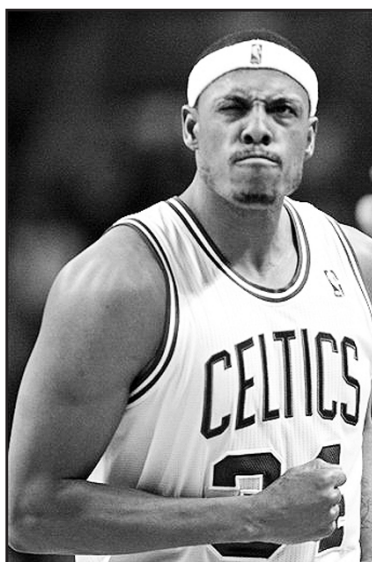
"Next week I will meet with Luis Fernandez and decide together how to solve the problem that was created," IFA chairman Eli Luzon said.

In the statement Fernandez added: "This is a long-standing legal dispute. I am sure that things will work before the next set of matches at the end of March."

Fernandez has not had much success since taking over the national team last March, racking up just one win in European qualifying, over Malta.

Fernandez, who played 60 times for France and was a member of the side that won the 1984 European Championship title, coached Paris Saint Germain to the 1996 Cup Winners Cup, and was also in charge of Spanish sides Athletic Bilbao and Espanyol.

Pierce goes from zero to hero in Boston win



BOSTON (AFP) - Paul Pierce rebounded from one of his worst NBA games to score 31 points and power the Boston Celtics past New Jersey 94-80 on Wednesday.

Kevin Garnett added 14 points and 10 rebounds and Ray Allen contributed 12 points as Boston improved to

40-14, the best record in the Eastern Conference entering the NBA All-Star Game break by percentage points over the Miami Heat.

"You would hate to go into the weekend, trying to have fun, on a loss," Pierce said. "This is a really emotional team. If we had lost, it probably wouldn't have been a fun weekend."

Pierce went 0-for-10 from the field and produced only one point for the Celtics in a victory on Sunday over Miami, but contributed seven points in a run of 16 in a row by the Celtics late in the fourth quarter to break open what had been a tight contest.

"Great players, they just don't have a lot of back-to-back bad games," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers.

Pierce had never had a full game in which he failed to score at least two points and only once in his life had he

missed more shots without hitting at least one basket.

He blamed minor soreness in his left foot and right hand as contributing factors in the earlier struggles but showed no sign of problems against the Nets.

"It definitely bothers me when I know I'm not right, but as a scorer, you always forget that type of game," Pierce said. "As a scorer, you have to forget your last shot, especially if you miss it - something was wrong with the rim or the ball."

Brook Lopez scored 18 points and Devin Harris added 16 for the Nets, who managed only two free throws over the final 6:17 of the game and produced only 10 points in the entire fourth quarter.

"We just didn't score from that point," Nets coach Avery Johnson said. "Their defense just clamped down on us."



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Pujols in camp despite lack of deal

JUPITER (AFP) - St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols arrived at spring training yesterday vowing his lack of a new deal with the Cardinals won't be a distraction this season.

Pujols and the Cardinals failed to agree on a new contract before the Wednesday deadline imposed by the three-time National League Most Valuable Player.

Pujols said he imposed the deadline to keep protracted negotiations from becoming an issue as the Major League Baseball season progressed.

"You have to put a deadline ... because you don't want to bring distractions to the ballclub," said Pujols, who also asked reporters not to solicit speculation about his future from his teammates.

The 31-year-old Domini-

can is now all-but certain to test his value as a free agent after the upcoming campaign, in which he is due to make 16 million dollars, one-quarter of it deferred. However, his agent insisted Wednesday that Pujols could yet end up re-signing with the Cardinals after the season.

"What do I want? Hey, I want to be a Cardinal forever," Pujols said. "That's my goal."

Pujols has played all 10 of his major league seasons with the Cardinals, becoming the only player in Major League Baseball history to his at least 30 home runs in each year of his first decade in the league.

Pujols hit .312 with 42 homers and batted in 118 runs. He has a career batting average of .331.

League-worst Cavaliers stun reigning champ Lakers

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AFP) - Cleveland's NBA doormat Cavaliers made certain that no more dubious history would be made at their expense this season by stunning the two-time reigning champions Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday.

Ramon Sessions came off the bench to score a season-high 32 points as the Cavaliers defeated the Lakers 104-99, avenging the stinging humiliation of a 112-57 loss at the hands of the Lakers last month.

"It's a painful, painful loss," Lakers forward Pau Gasol said. "It's very disappointing. I don't understand it."

That defeat was the 11th in a run of 26 consecutive losses for the Cavaliers, the longest losing streak in NBA history that Cleveland snapped last week by defeating the Los Angeles Clippers in over-time.

Tigers' Cabrera in drink-driving arrest



LAKELAND (AFP) - Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera was arrested late on Wednesday on suspicion of drunk driving, in another setback for the Tigers first baseman, who has battled alcohol-related issues.

Police said a deputy saw the 27-year-old Cabrera in a car with a smoking engine on the side of a road in Fort Pierce, Florida, about 110 miles south-east of Lakeland, where the Tigers hold their spring training.

Inside the car, Cabrera smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech and drank from a bottle of whiskey in front of the officer, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office said.

When Cabrera refused to co-operate, more deputies were called to the scene.

According to the police report, Cabrera was wandering into the road with his hands up before he was handcuffed.

A deputy struck Cabrera in the left thigh several times with his knee after Cabrera pushed into him, causing the player to fall into the patrol car.

Cabrera was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting an officer without violence. After posting bond he

was released from jail on Thursday morning.

Baseball's spring training is underway, with pitchers and catchers reporting earlier this week to begin work-outs.

Position players like Cabrera are due to report this weekend.

"It's hard," said second baseman Carlos Guillen, who was at spring training rehabilitating an injury.

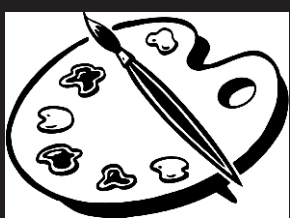
"He's a really good friend. I know he was working hard in the winter to have a good season this year."

Cabrera had a fine season in 2010. He hit .328 with 38 home runs and 126 RBIs and finished second to Josh Hamilton in the American League Most Valuable Player voting.

During spring training last year, Cabrera said he had given up drinking alcohol after receiving counselling in the off-season.

In 2009, police said Cabrera was involved in a fight with his wife after a night of drinking, although no charges were filed in that incident.

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School Swimming Competition is Saturday reports IDEFRE



The annual swimming competition among our schools is scheduled for tomorrow Saturday 19th.

As every year, this year's competition will be held in the Roly Bisslick Olympic Pool in Savaneta with the participation of kids from prep schools and kids from secondary schools.

Only those schools who registered their swimmers at IDEFRE will be permitted to participate in the competition. IDEFRE also notifies that there will be no registration possible on Saturday at

the Pool in Savaneta.

Every school and the parents of the kids must bear in mind that there is a stipulated time for swimmers to check in at the pool. Any swimmer, who reaches later than the stipulated check in time, will no longer be able to participate in the competition. For this reason it is crucial that each one arrive on time at the Pool in Savaneta.

Check in time:

All swimmers who registered through their school must check in between 7:00 and 8:00 am. After 8:00am no

one will be allowed to check in. Swimmers may do their warm up between 7:30 and 8:30am. The competition will commence at 9:00am and will end at 2:00pm.

Here are the rules of the competition:

The school swim competition involves the discipline of: (in Dutch) "schoolslag, rugslag and borstslag" for those who are not members of the club. Whereas for club members, in addition to the above mentioned disciplines there is the butterfly movement ("vlinderslag").

To participate, the swimmer is required to have at least the C diploma in swimming. This is an obligatory requirement. The rules of the Arubaanse Zwembond remain effective during the competition. The same applies for the judges who will be in charge of the coordination and control of the competition.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this interesting swim event at the Roly Bisslick Olympic Pool in Savaneta. Prizes will be presented at the completion of the competition.

Tickets for Champions League most expensive ever

LONDON (AFP) - Tickets for this season's Champions League final at Wembley will be the most expensive in history, UEFA confirmed Thursday as officials revealed sharp price hikes for entry to the football showpiece.

While the cheapest tickets sold via allocations to clubs will be 80 pounds (129 dollars/95 euros), the cheapest on general sale "category three" will cost 176 pounds (284 dollars/209 euros), which includes an administration fee.

Speaking at UEFA's ticket launch at London's City Hall, director of competitions Giorgio Marchetti said the prices were consistent with comparable top-tier sporting events such as the World Cup final.

"The prices are based on the type of event and when you compare it to other events we don't think that the Champions League final is overpriced," Marchetti said. "We do not want to squeeze every single penny out of the market."

"Last year there was already a significant increase compared to the previous edi-

tions but it's nothing to do with being in London and it is still priced below comparable events."

UEFA said 11,000 tickets for the May 28 showpiece go on general sale at 300 pounds, 225 pounds and 150 pounds with wheelchair entry costing 80 pounds.

An undisclosed number of 80 pound tickets will be available among the 25,000 tickets being allocated to each club in the final.

The "category three" ticket prices have nearly doubled since Manchester United played Barcelona in the 2009 final in Rome, when they cost 80 pounds.

However Marchetti defended the price increases as "fair."

"This is the market price. Do you think we would have trouble filling Wembley if the prices were higher? You think it would be different?" he said.

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